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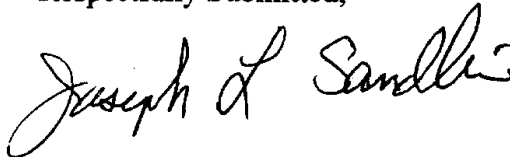
Re: Matagorda, Texas, MB Docket No. 04-215, RM 10993, "Comments In Support of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking".

Dear Secretary:

Transmitted herewith is an original and four (4) copies of the above-captioned "Comments In Support of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" filed by Joseph L. Sandlin in the above referenced docket.

Should any additional information be required, please contact me at 979-244-6349 or larry@matagordatex.com

Respectfully Submitted,



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To: Chief, Allocations Branch
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Comments In Support of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

I, Joseph L. Sandlin on behalf of myself, hereby submits my comments in support of the above-captioned Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") , adopted June 8, 2004 (DA 04-1539). In this NPRM the Commission proposes to amend its FM Table of Allotments, 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, to reserve Channel 252A at Matagorda, Texas for commercial use as requested in my Petition for Rulemaking dated February 17, 2003.

The public interest would be served by the allotment of Channel 252A at Matagorda as that community's first local transmission service. The allocation to Matagorda would permit Matagorda to receive its first local aural service, thus serving the highest of allotment priorities.

Matagorda is a community of over 650 residents. Matagorda has its own post office with its own zip code, 77457. It has its own library, its own volunteer fire department, its own school district, is home of the Rivers End Garden Club and Masonic

Lodge #7. Matagorda is home to numerous businesses, including a grocery store, several bait and tackles, and restaurants. It has its own water and sewer serves, Justice of the Peace, city park and museum. Despite Matagorda's status, however, no broadcast facilities of any type are allocated to the community. The proposed channel 252A will remedy that deficiency and provide additional diversity and an outlet for local self-expression to Matagorda residents and is in the public interest.

In addition to the permanent residents, thousand of visitors flock to Matagorda annually. Matagorda is a birdwatchers and fisherman's paradise. The beach attracts thousand of sunbathers and beachcombers each year. Matagorda is poised for additional growth. The Matagorda Bay Nature Park, Phase 1, is slated to open in 2005. Matagorda Bay Nature Park is a unique 1,600-acre park and preserve dedicated to providing recreation, education, preservation and economic benefit to the region. The Lower Coloroda River Authority "LCRA" acquired the property in 2001 as part of its commitment to preserve unique natural resources for future generations and to provide hands-on science education as well as recreation and nature tourism opportunities. Additional Phase 2 will include a Nature lodge and expanded leaning center

Matagorda is a coastal community subject to rapidly changing weather. July 15, 2003 Hurricane Claudette made landfall at Matagorda with over 70-knot winds. Matagorda is also subject to tidal surges and flooding. The citizens and visitors alike would benefit and *deserve* their own local aural service.

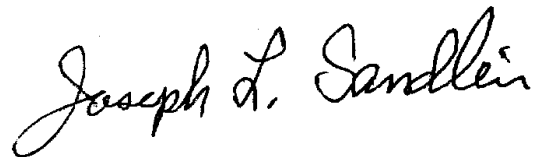
The above facts demonstrate that the Commission's allocation criteria would be well served by the allocation of Channel 252A to Matagorda, Texas as such would provide that community with its first local aural transmission service. Inasmuch as the

allocation to Matagorda complies with all separation requirements, *with the exception of a short spacing to Channel 252C3, Sheridan, Texas, which was proposed but not adopted in MM Docket No 99-331 in which a petition for reconsideration is pending as of this date*, and can be accomplished without a site restriction, thus permitting city grade coverage of all Matagorda, the proposal is consistent in all respects with the Commission's rules. I understand that if the allotment of Channel 252A at Matagorda is adopted before MM Docket No 99-331 is final, it will be conditioned on the outcome of that earlier proceeding.

I hereby reiterates my continued interest in the allocation of 252A at Matagorda, Texas, and my intention to file an application for a construction permit and construct the station, should the Commission adopt this proposal and I am the successful application.

The information provided in these Comments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph L. Sandlin".

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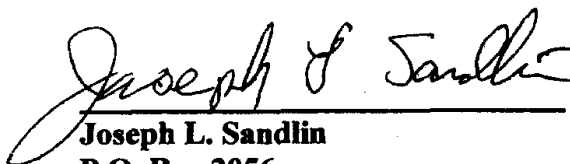
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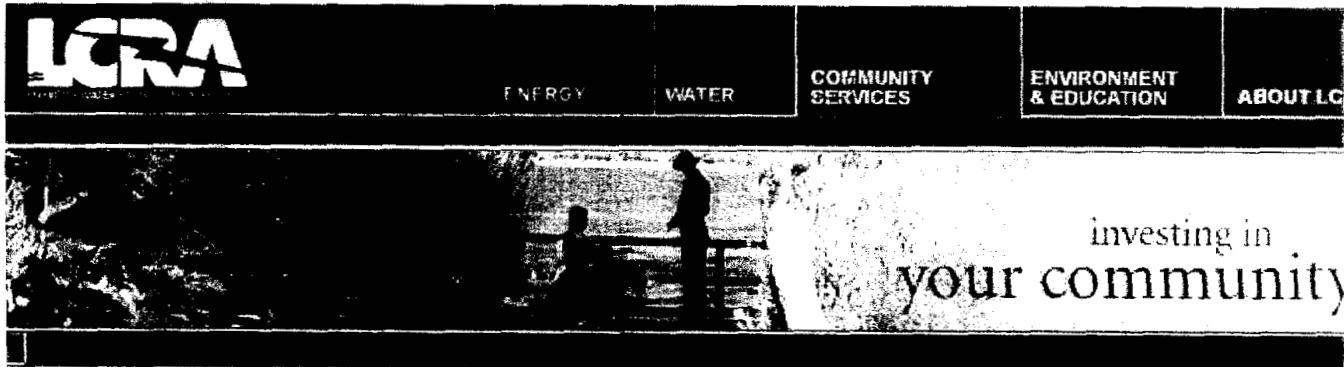
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Matagorda Bay Nature Park

Matagorda Bay Nature Park is a unique 1,600-acre park and preserve dedicated to providing recreation, education, preservation and economic benefit to the region. It will have something for everyone, whether you like fishing, camping, picnicking, canoeing, bird watching, beachcombing or just relaxing.



Matagorda Bay Nature

Park is slated to open in 2005. The nature park is at the mouth of the Colorado River on the Matagorda Peninsula. It has about two miles of Gulf of Mexico and river frontage and hundreds of acres of fragile coastal marshes and dunes. It is the location of one of the best birding areas in the nation. LCRA acquired the property in 2001 as part of its commitment to preserve unique natural resources for future generations and to provide hands-on science education as well as recreation and nature tourism opportunities.

Since acquiring the property, LCRA has been working closely with area citizens and local leaders to turn a common vision for the nature park into successful reality. With input from a wide range of stakeholders, LCRA has developed a master plan for the nature park. The plan is in two phases. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed in 2005. Thank you for being part of this exciting new adventure.

See [master plan](#)

[Phase 1 map](#)

[Phase 2 map](#)

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Phase 1

- 75 Recreational Vehicle sites with full hookups
- Access road with 75 public parking spaces
- Learning facility
- Trails, boardwalks and shaded wildlife viewing areas
- Free public fishing pier on the river channel
- Playground
- Docking facility for educational programming
- Wastewater system (to be expanded as needed)
- New dedicated public beach access road with a wheelchair-accessible restroom one mile down the beach (pedestrian beach opened when road is complete)
- Jetty Park public facility improvements (free and open 24 hours a day, every day):
 - Public beach restroom
 - Resurface and restripe parking lot, with 175 public parking spaces
 - Group pavilion with covered picnic tables
 - Outdoor showers
 - Two new picnic shelters (seven existing shelters will remain in place)

Phase 2 (proposed)

- Nature lodge
- River casitas
- Expanded learning facility
- Additional picnic shelters at Jetty Park
- Additional trails and wildlife viewing areas
- Completed loop road
- [Port of Bay City Authority Marina](#)

For more information on LCRA natural science centers and programs, see:

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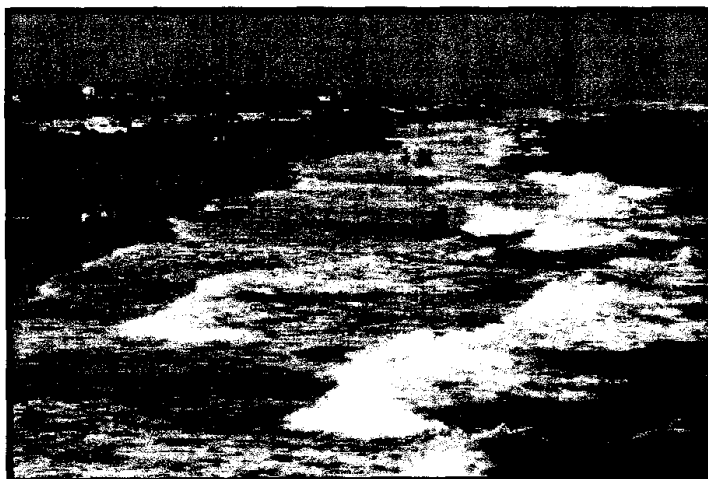
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Matagorda Beach

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Beach

Information on the current beach conditions, pictures of Matagorda Beach, and a listing of the businesses in our area

Nature

Information about the plants and animals native to the Matagorda Bay area

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Information on the area's towns, county, lighthouse, cemeteries, and landmarks

Home Life

Information on water gardening, greenhouses, and

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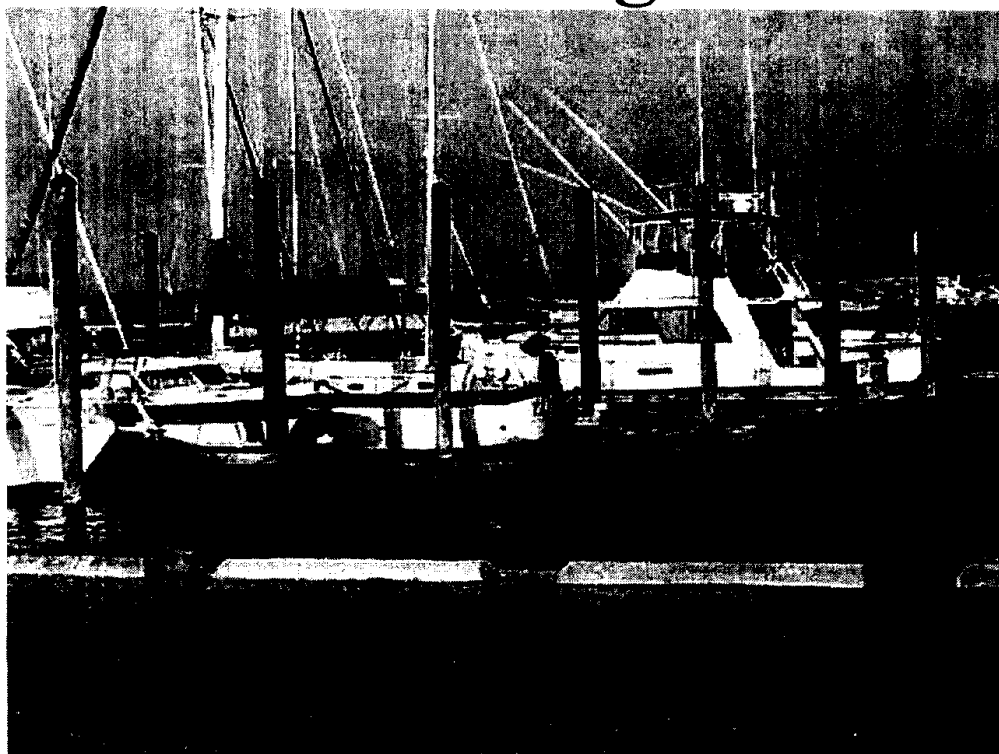
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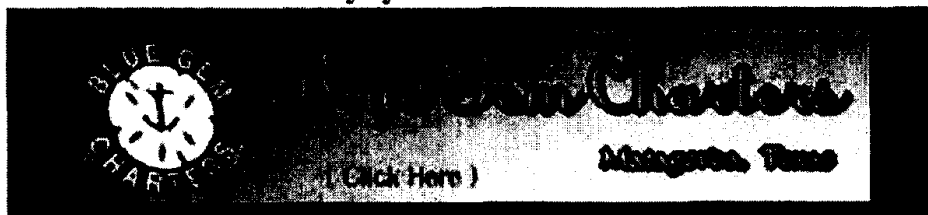
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Fishing



Up and down the Texas Gulf Coast, from Brownsville to Pt. Arthur, saltwater fishermen consider the Matagorda Bay Complex one of the finest in the state when it comes to fishing for speckled trout, redfish and flounder. The bay's coastlines stretch for over 50 miles, with Sargent at the eastern end of the bay system and Port O'Conner at the West End.



Located near the mouth of the Colorado River between East and West Bay, the town of Matagorda draws anglers from far and wide to enjoy the vast fishing opportunities the Matagorda Bay complex offers. Palacios is at the northern end of West Matagorda Bay and offers an excellent location to launch a boat or to fish from the shore.



There are several boat ramps and bait camps in Palacios where fishermen can access the vast grassy and shallow flats of West or Tres Palacios Bay. More and more metropolitan Houston anglers are discovering that the short two-hour drive places them within a cast of the trophy fish that the Matagorda Bay system offers. East Matagorda Bay is often described as the 'best kept secret' in Texas.

The small bay produces some of the most exciting trout fishing that fishermen may ever encounter. Catching trout under the birds in East Bay is an annual fall ritual. East Bay is easily accessed from Matagorda or Sargent.

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The Colorado River is considered to be the top winter fishing spot along the Texas Gulf Coast.



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During the summer 'blue water' fisherman flock to Matagorda to take advantage of uncrowded fishing grounds just offshore of Matagorda.

Deep-water structure and production platforms provide plenty of structure for offshore species to hide in and around and whether fishermen or trolling or fishing on bottom they're sure to have success when fishing offshore here.

Exhibit B



Correction To Mobile Disaster Recovery Center Location

Release Date: August 4, 2003
Release Number: 1479-16

Corpus Christi, TX – The **correct** location of the mobile Disaster Recovery Center set to open on August 7 is:

Precinct Headquarters
1432 Highland Park Drive
Clute, Texas 77531

Previously, the location had been announced as being in Surfside Beach. The center will operate from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, August 7, through Saturday, August 9 in Clute. The distance between Clute and Surfside Beach is approximately 10 miles.

Additional mobile Disaster Recovery Centers are set to open next week:

Matagorda County (two locations)
VFW Hall
1805 Ingram
Matagorda, Texas 77457
Mon. Aug. 11 through Wed. Aug. 13

VFW Hall
2412 HWY 457
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Thurs. Aug. 14 through Fri. Aug. 15

Individuals and business owners in the disaster declared counties (Atascosa, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, DeWitt, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Jackson, Kames, Live Oak, Matagorda, McMullen, Refugio, Victoria, San Patricio and Zavala) are urged to call FEMA's registration line 1-800-621-FEMA or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech or hearing-impaired, to apply for assistance before going to the center.

Disaster Recovery Centers are designed to provide detailed program information to those who have already registered.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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FEMA Funds Claudette Debris Removal

Release Date: October 30, 2003
Release Number: R6-03-143

Denton, TX – The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) said today it has obligated \$1,012,500 to the State of Texas for Hurricane Claudette debris removal in the City of Victoria.

Hurricane Claudette made landfall near Port O'Connor on July 15, 2003. Eighteen counties were declared federal disaster areas, and state and federal disaster assistance in these counties totals \$34.8 million to date.

"We are committed to helping communities recover from disaster," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response. This grant provides funds that will help the City of Victoria with its continued recovery from Hurricane Claudette."

FEMA provides 75 percent of the project's \$1.35 million cost. The remaining 25 percent non-federal share comes from local resources. The FEMA funds are made available under the Public Assistance Program. The State of Texas administers the program under which eligible disaster-related costs are reimbursed to government units and some non-profit organizations in the areas of emergency protective measures, debris removal and restoration of public facilities.

One month of the 2003 Atlantic hurricane season remains. There have been 14 named tropical storms in 2003. The Texas coast felt the effects of Hurricane Claudette in July and Tropical Storm Erika and Grace in August.

"In every season of the year, Texans need to be disaster prepared," said Brown. "We encourage Texans to review family disaster plans, compile emergency supplies kits and listen to local officials."

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